

Potential Consequences of Violations of the Academic Honor Code

Email of Censure: The instructor of the course or the Associate Dean of the college in which the violation occurred may send an email of censure. The email will clearly articulate the violation of which the student has been found responsible, reiterate the University's Academic Honor Code, and clearly spell-out possible consequences if the student violates the Academic Honor Code in the future. A printout of the email of censure will be placed in the student's permanent file along with all supporting documentation regarding the case.

Failing Grade for Assignment: A permanent failing grade may be assigned for the offending course work. The instructor of the course or the Associate Dean of the college in which the violation occurred may issue this sanction.

Failing Grade for Course: A permanent failing grade may be assigned for the offending course. To issue this sanction, the instructor of the course requires approval from the Associate Dean of the college in which the violation occurred.

Academic Suspension: Academic suspension is an appropriate sanction for students found responsible in particularly egregious cases or students who have previously been found responsible for violations of the Academic Honor Code.

The Associate Dean of the college in which the accused student is enrolled submits the recommendation of academic suspension to the Dean of the student's College for review. If the Dean concurs with the recommendation, notification of the length of the academic suspension must be sent to the Office of Student Records. A notation "Academic Suspension" will be placed on the student's official transcript. The decision to suspend a student for violating the Academic Honor Code will be made in consultation with the Provost/Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs.

Dismissal from the University: Dismissal from the University is the most severe recommendation that can be made and is reserved for the most egregious acts of academic dishonesty. Students found responsible of violating the University's policy regarding academic integrity, especially if they have already been suspended from the University, should be considered for permanent dismissal. The Associate Dean of the college in which the accused student is enrolled submits the recommendation to the Dean of the student's College so that a decision may be rendered. The decision to permanently dismiss a student from the University will be done by the Provost/Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs. The notation "Academic Dismissal" will be placed on the student's official transcript.

Monitoring and Recording Violations to the Academic Honor Code:

The Academic Integrity Council is responsible for recording and monitoring violations of the Academic Honor Code. This data will be reported to the Provost's office every semester.